

House Resolution 34

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Stephens of the 164th, Carter of the 159th, Stephens of the 161st, and Bryant of the 160th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sheriff Al St. Lawrence for his 50 years of dedicated law
2 enforcement service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Al St. Lawrence has had a long and exceptional career in law
4 enforcement, serving others oftentimes with great risk and sacrifice to himself and family;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, his dedicated law enforcement career began on March 15, 1959, following his
7 honorable service in the United States Air Force, when he was employed as a patrolman with
8 the Chatham County Police Department; and

9 WHEREAS, he continued his law enforcement service, moving up through the ranks of the
10 Chatham County Police Department, and on August 20, 1971, he was appointed Chief of
11 Police by the Chatham County Commissioners; and

12 WHEREAS, on April 30, 1992, he retired as Chief of Police only to continue his work for
13 the people on May 26, 1992, as the newly elected Sheriff of Chatham County; and

14 WHEREAS, he has loyally and diligently served the residents of Chatham County for nearly
15 five decades, receiving numerous honors and recognitions for his outstanding service
16 including: Chatham County Policeman of the Year; Georgia's peace officer's highest honor,
17 the Executive Certificate; Georgia Chiefs of Police Association Outstanding Chief Award;
18 Georgia Sheriffs' Association Distinguished Humanitarian Award; and the Georgia Sheriffs'
19 Association Sheriff of the Year Award; and

20 WHEREAS, his tremendous dedication and commitment to his community is further
21 demonstrated by his service as chairman on the Peace Officers Standards and Training
22 Council; president of the Island Exchange Club; president of the F.B.I. National Academy

23 Associates; president of the Chatham County Chief's Association; and president of the
24 Georgia Sheriffs' Association; and

25 WHEREAS, Al St. Lawrence is a loving husband to his wife Patsy St. Lawrence and a
26 devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to his six children, 13 grandchildren, and
27 three great-grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, Sheriff Al St. Lawrence is a dedicated member of his community and a person
29 of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence,
30 fairness, and kindness; and his unparalleled leadership talents, his remarkable patience and
31 diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
32 his community and state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
33 all those who have had the great honor and privilege to know him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body hereby commend Sheriff Al St. Lawrence for his 50 years of
36 sacrifice and honorable service to the people of Georgia and extend sincere best wishes for
37 success in future endeavors.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Al St. Lawrence.